**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**
**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3514
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
PRICES OF MEDICINES OF AIDS
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the prices of AIDS medicines of Indian Companies and Foreign Companies differ a lot;

(b) whether the prices of medicines of Foreign companies are very high;

(c) the details of comparative prices of medicines of Indian Companies and Foreign Companies ;

(d) whether it is a fact once the Patent Act is introduced, the AIDS medicines will become costly in India ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whether African countries are also fighting for exempting AIDS medicines from the TRIPs, Patent Act; and

(g) if so, whether the Government propose to exempt AIDS medicines fromthe patent Act and co-ordinate with other concerned Ministries in this regard ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) : Under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, the Anti-retroviral drugs used in the treatment of AIDS are in the non-scheduled category and are, therefore, outside price control. As per information available from the price lists submitted by manufacturers and published data in reputed medical magazines like MIMS, Drug Today etc. three companies,namely, M/s Cipla, M/s Glaxo and M/s Zydus Cadila are manufacturing/ marketing AIDS drugs in the country.M/s Cipla has reduced the prices of anti-Aids drugs recently in July, 2001. A comparative statement of prices charged for various formulations is at Annexure.

(d) & (e) : Indian Patent Act,1970 is already in force.

(f) : African countries are insisting that the safeguards provided in the TRIPs agreement should be interpreted in a manner that the objectives of protection of public health are fulfilled.

(g) There is no such proposal.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3514 answered on 14.8.01

Statement of prices of Anti-HIV medicines

| S.No. | Bulk Drug Name/ Compositions | Product Name | Company Name | Pack Size | Prices(Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Lamivudine 150mg+ (I) Zidovudine 300 mg | COMBIVIR(II) | DUOVIR(III) LAMUZID(IV) | DUOVIR | GLAXO-WELLCOMECIPLAZYDUS-BIOGENCIPLA 10 Tab10 Tab10 Tab 60 Tab 820.00 (b)308.00 (a)470.00 (b)1680.00 (a) |
| 2 | Zidovudine 100 mg (I) | ZYDOWIN(II) | ZIDOVIR(III) | RETROVIR(IV) | ZIDOVIR ZYDUS-BIOGENCIPLAGLAXO-WELLCOMECIPLE 10 Tab10 Cap100 Cap100 Cap 100.00 (b)77.00 (a)4963.67(b)700.00 (a) |
| 3 | Zidovudine 100 mg (I) | RETROVIR(II) | ZIDOVIR(III) | ZYDOWIN(IV) | ZIDOVIR GLAXO-WELLCOMECIPLAZYDUS-BIOGENCIPLA 10 Tab10 Tab10tTab60 Cap 600.00 (b)215.00 (a)230.00 (b)1140.00(a) |
| 4 | Lamivudine 150 mg (I) | LAMIVIR(II) | LAMIVIR | CIPLA | CIPLA 10 Tab 60 Tab 132.00 (a) 720.00 (a) |
| 5 | Nevirapine 200mg (I) | NEVIMUNE(II) | NEVIMUNE | CIPLA | CIPLA 10 Tab 60 Tab 220.00 (a) 1200.00 (a) |
| 6 | Stavudine 30mg (I) | STAVIR(II) | STAVIR | CIPLA | CIPLA 10 Cap 60 Cap 49.50 (a) 270.00 (a) |
| 7 | Stavudine 40 mg (I) | STAVIR(II) | STAVIR | CIPLA | CIPLA 10 Cap 60 Cap 55.00 (a) 300.00 (a) |
| 8 | Didanosine 100mg | DINEX | CIPLA | 60 Tab | 1200.00 (a) |
| 9 | Indinavir 400mg | INDIVAN | CIPLA | 30 Cap | 1200.00 (a) |
| 10 | Lamindine 100mg | LAMIDAC | ZYDUS-ALIDAC | 10 Tab | 300.00 (c) |

Note (a) as per company price list dated: 5th July, 2001
(b) as per IDR (Jan._Feb. 2001)
(c) as per company price list dated: May, 2001